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**SEMIFINALISTS IN THE 2020
NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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Note to editors: Semifinalists in your state are listed alphabetically by city and high school following this press release.

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Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program

(Evanston, Illinois) Today officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2020 Competition

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2020. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 220 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2020 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 345,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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Semifinalists: 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program

MARYLAND

ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN H. S.
360 Hilburgh, Anna E.

ADAMSTOWN

HOMESCHOOL
742 Riedel, Alexander R.

ANNAPOLIS

BROADNECK H. S.
301 Donze, David M.

BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
742 Ross, Colton D.
791 Schott, Helen I.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
000 Vizachero, Emilia V.

BRYN MAWR SCHOOL
000 Chang, Eugene A.
000 Doub, Astri W.
000 Gumtow, Jessica M.

CALVERT HALL COLLEGE H. S.
214 Johnson, Cole L.
450 Lau, Fuk-Lam F.

CARVER CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY
457 Lawrence, Spencer C.

CATONSVILLE H. S.
161 McDivitt, Jessica L.
450 Queeney, Eleanor G.
200 Schumacher, Ellen K.

EASTERN TECHNICAL H. S.
454 Kumcheva, Mary E.

GILMAN SCHOOL
160 Dong, Bryan C.
163 Ha, Stephen S.
455 Khurgin, Daniel A.
843 Li, Jeffrey B.
821 Lin, Haoyi

THE PARK SCHOOL
000 Sims, Benjamin J.

PERRY HALL H. S.
999 Kim, Erick Y.

ROLAND PARK COUNTRY SCHOOL
628 Taylor, Katherine R.

WESTERN SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
303 Shuaib, Abdullah M.

BEL AIR

C. MILTON WRIGHT H. S.
000 Brownfield, John C.

BERLIN

STEPHEN DECATUR H. S.
773 Wolf, Grayson L.

BETHESDA

BETHESDA - CHEVY CHASE H. S.
843 Barmada, Reed H.
999 Busis, Molly A.
700 Hallmark, Caroline S.
999 Niebler, Rachel L.
451 Sparling, Jonah S.

HOLTON - ARMS SCHOOL
999 Cetta, Francesca B.
946 Colomer, Alicia
901 Einhorn, Jenna T.

450 Pham, Sydney A.
160 Shapland, Emily C.

WALTER JOHNSON H. S.
171 Nagaich, Amitoj
302 Ramireddygar, Sreekrishna
999 Usanov, Nikolay
999 Wu, Sophia D.

LANDON SCHOOL
303 Curran, Denis A.
906 Mearns, Alexander

STONE RIDGE SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART
000 Gidley, Charlotte C.
833 Kilner, Meaghan M.
200 Looney, Anna K.

WALT WHITMAN H. S.
168 Bertholet, Jules R.
946 Cook, Nicholas O.
628 Donner, Hannah R.
000 Dronamraju, Rasika P.
450 Goldstein-Coloretti, Kaleo A.
218 Lee, Hunter E.
185 Leventis, Samantha M.
999 London, Max W.
700 Mayo, Emily O.
451 McLenagan, Devin E.
904 Olson, Nathaniel R.
462 Salafsky, Emma N.
161 Xiao, Boyang

BUCKEYSTOWN

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP
466 Shapiro, Chase B.

CLARKSBURG

CLARKSBURG H. S.
000 Oberoi, Natasha
907 Tishaev, Zoe A.

CLARKSVILLE

RIVER HILL H. S.
843 Chaudhry, Zan Z.
463 Correll Brown, Riordan A.
712 Du, Jeffrey Y.
907 Hernandez, Matthew A.
970 Huang, Sophia
160 Kitzinger, Katherine A.
162 Luo, Adam J.
454 Pavlosky, Nicholas S.
204 Qian, Andrew
303 Shah, Vedaant D.
301 Simpson, Oliver E.
303 Zhao, Amy X.

COLUMBIA

ATHOLTON H. S.
162 Ake, Elisabeth D.
999 Fan, Ethan H.
000 Guo, Benjamin X.
904 Osheroff, Daniel S.
209 Recht, Benjamin P.
999 Smoot, Annabel N.
904 Tong, Bill W.
303 Uttamsingh, Rohan A.
742 Wu, Jessica Y.

LONG REACH H. S.
450 Levine, Samuel D.
301 Modugula, Abhinav R.

WILDE LAKE H. S.
742 Uy, Isaac B.

ELDERSBURG

LIBERTY H. S.
999 Singh, Anjan

ELLICOTT CITY

CENTENNIAL H. S.
970 Bacon, Keertik
166 Cara, Daria
999 Gupta, Udit
451 Huang, Richard
906 Kim, Emily E.

302 Liu, Angela L.
455 Moser, Tobias C.
160 Sriram, Ameya M.
167 Zhong, Zeyu

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL
628 Good, Natalie G.

HOWARD H. S.
303 Appel, Robert K.
628 Ayaz, Zenab
999 Kim, Harrison C.
000 Kim, Jonathan J.
303 Varadarajan, Samiksha
450 Woods, Edmund B.

MOUNT HEBRON H. S.
000 Dahiwadkar, Aboli S.
214 Li, William R.
904 Loraine, Lorelei N.
628 Nambiar, Pooja J.
306 Wang, David R.

FREDERICK

FREDERICK H. S.
773 Pondoc, Christopher L.

HOMESCHOOL

161 Harvey, Katherine A.

LINGANORE H. S.

833 Kullgren, Dana E.
999 Rich, John P.

FULTON

RESERVOIR H. S.
454 Choi, Isabelle A.
467 Lai, Andrew
000 Shah, Yashvi P.

GERMANTOWN

NORTHWEST H. S.
000 Bang, John
000 Block, Jaden T.
000 Li, Amanda J.
740 Melikova, Kamila K.
000 Pang, Rachel

GLEN BURNIE

GLEN BURNIE H. S.
628 Astavans, Anagh

GLENELG

GLENELG H. S.
870 Brinster, Claire R.
461 Tribble, Charlie M.

GREENBELT

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT H. S.
454 Kuo, Leo

HUNTINGTOWN

HUNTINGTOWN H. S.
450 Cobb, Tamea M.

IJAMSVILLE

URBANA H. S.
999 Oh, Alison H.
303 Simkin, Sonya A.
451 Subramanian, Sanjana
501 Zhu, Bria H.

LEONARDTOWN

LEONARDTOWN H. S.
160 Schwalbe, Dana
300 Willette, Cameron

MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER VALLEY H. S.
843 Schmitt, Alexander G.

MARRIOTTSTOWN

MARRIOTTSTOWN RIDGE H. S.
999 Andrews, Julia E.
303 Baker, Rebecca J.
907 Casper, Audrey C.
162 Han, Naomi
628 Ju, Eunice Y.
457 Khor, Hong Z.
450 Kim, Alex M.
450 Lee, Joshua S.
743 Li, Michelle M.
000 Li, Zhuoyuan
450 Mills, Nicholas A.
870 Moon, Jiwoo
300 Nayak, Yuvraj

710 Yu, Erin
720 Yu, Juliana

MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN H. S.
628 Washart, Rachel M.

MILLERSVILLE

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY
303 McDowell, Ryan S.

NORTH BETHESDA

GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL
450 Scola, Dominic M.

NORTH EAST

RISING SUN H. S.
630 Robertshaw, Sydney L.

TOME SCHOOL

467 Martin, Jackson H.

OLNEY

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL H. S.
000 Better, Shane H.
000 Henne, Eliza S.

OWINGS MILLS

HOMESCHOOL
553 Arnold, Emma L.

MC DONOUGH SCHOOL

000 Assefa, Kaleb N.
000 Bers, Ethan W.
999 Hung, Ashton C.
463 Khan, Zain R.
000 Luo, Luke
000 Mulhern, Daniel D.

PARKTON

HEREFORD H. S.
455 Holbrook, William J.
161 Jenkin, Sydney C.
303 Rowe, Rachel E.
791 Wu, Derek G.

POOLESVILLE

POOLESVILLE H. S.
209 Barash, June M.
459 Guha, Tejas
162 Hancu, Maria C.
000 Kamineny, Pranay B.
303 Lolla, Sadhana S.
000 Mann, Gurshaan S.
204 Wang, Alison Y.

POTOMAC

WINSTON CHURCHILL H. S.
000 Du, Samuel
000 Fang, Sophia Y.
000 Gautam, Navya
999 Gerber, Sasha G.
000 Han, Rachel J.
000 He, Eric S.
000 Huang, Joseph Y.
000 Jin, Andrew Y.
000 Kronthal, Elizabeth E.
454 Krstic, Katharina A.
904 Lin, Lucas L.
000 Mao, Austin
000 Shan, Arik
000 Stein, Leah R.
000 Sundaresan, Manu
000 Yu, Miranda W.
000 Zhang, Cheryl

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
000 Lobsenz, Joshua E.

ROCKVILLE

MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY
459 Berkowitz, Akiva A.
742 Guggenheim, Judah M.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY H. S.

000 Bonzi Teixeira, Clara P.
000 Brown, Samantha R.
000 Chai, Jessica L.
000 Chen, Emily
000 Chu, Derek
000 Cong, Alyssa
000 Henry, Ivana
000 Khawaja, Ayesha

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Maryland (continued)

451 Kolodner, Katie L.
000 Lee, Eujin K.
000 Lee, Isabelle J.
000 Lee, Jeehye R.
000 Levy, Lydia H.
999 Li, Jennifer J.
000 Liu, Kimberly M.
000 Machado, Neal S.
000 Mu, Angela Y.
000 Pan, Kevin B.
000 Pan, Michael
000 Pandey, Meghna
000 Protas, Eli F.
000 Qian, Helen
000 Quesnel, Maylis E.
000 Savsani, Kush V.
160 Shastry, Anagha
169 Simak, Jonathan V.
000 Teselko, Zachary J.
000 Wang, Joy J.
000 Wang, Sophia S.
000 Wang, Valerie
000 Yang, Jack Z.
000 Yao, Laura J.
000 Yeo, Julie J.
000 Yung, Cathy A.
000 Yung, Jessie
000 Zhang, Clare Y.
900 Zhang, Kathryn
000 Zhao, Katherine
000 Zhou, Christine L.

ROCKVILLE H. S.
303 Atzili, Tomer

CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH
DAY SCHOOL
451 Lubin, Russell S.
999 Nadaner, Isaac K.

THOMAS SPRIGG WOOTTON H. S.
000 Chai, Amy H.
162 Geng, Stephanie
628 Liu, Joanne Z.
000 Majumder, Zain N.
000 Shen, Michelle
467 Shi, Joy
000 Singh, Mollika J.

SANDY SPRING
SHERWOOD H. S.
000 Crompton, Eve E.

SEVERN
ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H. S.
000 Park, Anna

SEVERNA PARK
SEVERN SCHOOL
457 Bruce, Samuel G.

SEVERNA PARK H. S.
302 Chang, Allison A.
742 Fuhrmann, Callista R.

SILVER SPRING
MONTGOMERY BLAIR H. S.
450 Amir, Daphne
628 Arun, Aarthi J.
000 Brodsky, Marie
000 Chervenak, Simon L.
000 Danielski, Caroline L.
000 DeVoe, Liam O.
467 Dey, Rachel S.
700 Donovan, Lintaro P.
000 Gordy, Hemakshi M.
000 Hsu, Jason A.
000 Hu, Andrew
000 Hu, Evan Z.
000 James-Le, Josephine M.
000 Kim, Hannah J.
455 Kim, Joey D.
000 Koehler, Abigail L.
466 Lee, June P.
160 Lei, Katherine
999 Levav, Adam
000 Levy, Daniel R.
300 Li, Bryan T.
300 Li, Kelley
162 Liu, Amanda S.
999 Mattikalli, Tarun N.
000 Pinsky, Yael C.
000 Ren, Jennifer

301 Silverberg, Jesse H.
000 Song, Emmy T.
000 Tang, Michelle
467 Wilson, Carter M.
000 Xin, Victoria W.
000 Yang, Ambrose Y.
000 Yang, Karen J.
000 Zhang, Justin Y.
000 Zhao, Shawn H.
000 Zhou, Ivvone

WHEATON H. S.
000 Vu, Christopher T.

TIMONIUM
DULANEY H. S.
628 Hossain, Mir Saif
999 Jin, Victoria S.
303 Maybhate, Gautam
628 Potluri, Sreesaisowmya
200 Shen, Sarah S.
999 Yin, Benjamin P.

TOWSON
LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD H. S.
960 Rohd, Benjamin M.

TOWSON H. S.
740 Heffren, David R.
000 Sung, Irene J.
559 Tan, Aaron H.

WESTMINSTER
WESTMINSTER H. S.
836 Davidson, Laniya S.
999 Nguyen, Hannah T.